



ALEXANDRIA.

MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 14.

MR. POWDERLY once said he never allowed a glass bottle to leave his house except by way of a window. The hands in the glass works at Pittsburgh, have, as is only natural, gone a bow shot beyond Mr. Powderly, and have declared a boycott upon all who use bottles that have been used before. The object in both cases is to increase the demand for new bottles, and consequently for the labor that makes them. But in this, as in most other similar instances, the desired object, even if effected, would be at the expense of people who can ill afford to bear it. The small extra cost of a new bottle is nothing to a rich man, but it is vastly different to a poor woman whose last cent is being spent in the purchase of medicine she must carry home in that bottle for her sick child.

THE ROOM Alexandria has got should be assisted by every possible means the city has at its disposal. Among the most effective of such means are low taxes, and cheap gas and water. The city fathers, therefore, should confine the municipal expense account to the lowest practical limit, so that taxes and the price of gas may be reduced, and the water company should recollect that the lower the rents the more the consumers. The superintendent of police also should see that the city ordinance respecting the sidewalks be observed, as nothing is more likely to cool the ardor of a prospective settler or investor than a stumble or splashed shoes caused by defective pavements.

AND NOW it is reported that Minister Manning to Mexico, whom the younger members of the Jockey Club of Mexico debauched, as they did Mr. Sedgwick, but not to so great an extent, has also been recalled. Why the gentlemen referred to were recalled every body knows; but why Consul Porch, who was compelled to report Mr. Sedgwick, and whose report was submitted to that gentleman before it was forwarded, was recalled, no body seems to know, except Mr. Bayard, and he evidently thinks this is too much of a personal government for him to tell.

MR. ARMOUR says he and all his family "are red hot republicans, and all voted for Blaine, but that they now all like Cleveland, and are sorry they didn't vote for him." Yes, but from the way the working democrats talk, it is the policy that has given Mr. Cleveland such republican support as that referred to, that has deprived him of a much greater amount of support in the party that nominated and elected him.

THAT THE Canadians have the right side of the fishery question is proved by the fact that they hope American naval vessels may be sent to the fishing grounds, as their presence will tend to make the New England fishermen more careful in their observance of the provisions of the old treaty, which have been revived by the expiration of the new one.

ONE HUNDRED and fifty brakemen on a railroad running into Cleveland, Ohio, are on a strike, but over four thousand other laborers are thereby thrown out of employment. In this, as in most other strikes, the injury of the many is of no concern to the few.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Correspondence of the Alex. Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14, 1887. The new senior Senator from Virginia, Mr. Riddleberger, left here for his home last Saturday night. In the general change of seats incident to a new Congress Mr. Riddleberger didn't change his. His present seat is now next to and right in front of the door leading into the cloak room on the republican side of the Senate. The seat of Mr. Daniel, the junior senator, is on the extreme right of the outer row on the democratic side. During a conversation between a democratic and a republican Virginian, in the lobby of one of the large hotels here to-day, on the probable future course of Mr. Riddleberger in the Senate, the democrat remarked that if Virginia should go democratic at next fall's election Mr. Riddleberger, who was not particularly enamored of any of the Senate's present officers, might please himself by voting against them. To this the republican replied that knowing his fate in case of republican success at the election referred to, from the enmity of General Mahone, Mr. Riddleberger would probably be more disposed in that event to suit himself than if the democrats were to succeed. From this it would appear that to some people, at least, Mr. Riddleberger seems to be between the devil and a deep sea.

It is said here by congressmen still remaining in the city that the President, who until recently has maintained that one branch of the government should not attempt to influence any other branch, deviated from that course on the dependent pensions bill, and used all the influence it was possible for him to exert to have his veto of that bill sustained; and to show the strength of that influence it is only necessary to recall the fact that though it was passed by more than a two-thirds majority, it lacked a large number of the votes requisite to pass it over his veto.

Senator Edmunds is still here, and is in attendance upon the session of the U. S. Supreme Court. He does not deny that in a recent interview he said that between the two evils, Cleveland and Blaine, the mugwumps would stand by the former, as they did before. From this it is evident that Mr. Edmunds has neither forgiven nor forgotten Mr. Blaine for rejecting his proffered hand at the Arthur funeral.

The rumor that Mr. Carlisle will be appointed Secretary of the Treasury is again revived, and is strengthened by the ex-Speaker's speech in Boston last Saturday

night, in which he gave the President his unqualified endorsement, and "sang low" on the tariff question. "There is wheels within wheels."

The District democrats are still sore over the treatment they have received at the hands of the administration, and don't hesitate to say that in the matter of some of the officers they were intentionally deceived. A well-known ex-Confederate, named Robinson, an old time and constant District democratic worker, who has had employment in the office of the recorder of deeds, was removed last week.

The Virginia democratic association of this city at their last Friday night's meeting commenced making arrangements for next fall's election in their State, in which they seem to be hopeful of success from the fact that of the members of the State senate holding over, seventeen are democrats, while only four are republicans.

Senators Morrill and Plumb and their families will leave here to-morrow on a trip to Florida. Such a trip can now be made in twenty-four hours.

Among the Virginians in the city to-day are Senator Daniel and Representatives Lee and O'Ferrall.

There are several Virginians here applying for office. A professional advocate of some of them, in talking this morning about their chances of success, said they were received with marked courtesy by the heads of the departments and assured of distinguished consideration, but that in the meantime they were in receipt of no lucre, and were being scowled at by hotel keepers for overdue bills, and worse than all, that their advocates, instead of profiting by them, were put to some, though necessarily small, expense.

To show the demand for office here, it may be stated that for the place on the House side of the Capitol made vacant by the promotion of Mr. Payne, as stated in this correspondence last Saturday, there are already a dozen applicants.

The national railroad ticket and passenger agents association will meet at the Arlington Hotel here to-morrow.

The halibut caught in the Potomac last week, as previously stated in the local columns of the GAZETTE, was brought here and sold to the National Museum for \$10. It is said to be the first one ever caught so far south, and will be preserved as a curiosity.

C. H. J. Taylor, the colored man who has been appointed U. S. Minister to Liberia, lived in Charlottesville, Virginia, from 1868 to 1875.

Familial as the White House talk as though the bands which have heretofore bound the President and Mr. Randall together are severed, and that these two distinguished so-called democrats now sing

"How brief the word, how long the pain, To part, and part for ever!"

Baltimore Conference M. E. Church South.

At the session of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in Leesburg last Saturday, a communication from the Women's Christian Temperance Union was referred to the committee on temperance.

The following deacons were elected elders: Revs. John N. McCormick, Jefferson D. Martin, Charles W. Mark, Charles B. Sutton, D. McAnathon James, James L. Henderson, John O. Tackett, Henry A. Brown.

The following were admitted on trial: Messrs. David L. Blakemore, of the Baltimore district; Norman N. Hall, of the Washington district; Milton M. Long, of the Winchester district, and Charles L. Potter, of the Rockingham district. The following were continued on trial: Messrs. Charles H. Wood, Thomas J. Lambert, Samuel H. Eagle, James M. Rollins, Thomas J. Miller, Samuel A. Parker, William H. Ballenger, Christopher Sydenstricker.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Samuel K. Cox and J. S. Hutchinson, it was resolved that in May a special day be set apart for prayer or increase of the ministry, and that every encouragement be given to candidates.

William H. Ballenger was elected a deacon.

Revs. Forrest J. Prettyman, Clarence L. Kennard, John O. Knott, Wm. L. Dolly, John H. Light, George D. White and John H. Kuhlmann were continued as deacons, and Edward L. Gies was discontinued.

After an address by Rev. Dr. John, the conference resolved to have a missionary collection taken in all the churches before the first of September.

The memorial service of the conference will be held to-morrow.

Yesterday all the Protestant churches including Baptist, Presbyterian, Protestant Episcopal and Methodist, were placed at the disposal of the ministers of the conference and in all large congregations attended worship. The Rev. Dr. Samuel K. Cox, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, preached in the morning at St. James' P. E. Church.

Bishop Keener preached in the M. E. Church, and after the sermon assisted by Rev. Dr. John S. Martin, who presented the parchment, the Bishop ordained William G. Cassard, of Sunset, W. Va., James H. Stump, of Geradstown, W. Va., Clarke C. Edgington, of Catawba, Va., Thomas M. Jones, of Staunton, Va., and Hamilton M. Roane, of Henning Springs, to be traveling deacons, and B. F. Smith, of the Virginia Conference, J. Christopher, F. N. Stier, David M. Files and Wm. H. Ballenger, local deacons.

At night the Bishop ordained eight elders. Rev. John McCormick, of Arlington, Baltimore county; Jefferson D. Martin, of Markham, Va.; Chas. W. Mark, of Lost River, Va.; Chas. B. Sutton, of Petersburg, W. Va.; D. McAnathon, D. M. James, of Baltimore, Md.; Jas. S. Henderson, of Forrest Hill, W. Va.; John O. Tackett, of Church Hill, Md., and Henry A. Brown, of New Hampden, Va.

The Big Deal.

The B. & O. deal, by which the control of the railroad passes out of the hands of Mr. Robert Garrett and into the hands of a Wall street syndicate, is an accomplished fact. All that remains now is to arrange the details, which will require two or three days. The sale includes the telegraph and the B. & O. express. The B. & O. Central Building will not be sold yet and the officials will not lose their positions yet awhile. Mr. Garrett says he will continue to reside in Baltimore, and will not move to New York.

A conference of those interested in the deal was held in Baltimore, yesterday, those present being John G. Moore, George H. Stagner, Henry S. Ives and W. C. Boone, all of New York. Mr. John K. Cowen represented the Baltimore and Ohio. Mr. Moore represents the First National Bank party, composed of Baker, Fahnestock and others. He is also a director of the Richmond Terminal and enjoys the confidence of Jay Gould. Henry S. Ives is a young Wall street financier. Mr. Stagner is his partner, but who their principals are is an enigma.

The other day a horse in Irwin county, Ga., was bitten on the nose by a rattlesnake. He was at once dosed with sweet milk and alum, and then three bottles of turpentine were heated and the mouths of the bottles placed in succession over the part bitten. It is said that the green poison could be plainly seen as it was being drawn into the bottles. The horse recovered.

Hon. Jefferson Davis declines an invitation to visit Washington.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

John B. Luce, attorney of the Chocetaw nation, died in Washington Saturday.

President Cleveland's veto record is said to surpass that of all his predecessors.

Russian admirers have sent to Gen. Boulanger a valuable sword, inscribed "Qui vive, la France et Boulanger."

J. Stanley Brown, private secretary to President Garfield, is an applicant for appointment as postoffice inspector.

Obediah Wheelock, a wealthy old man aged seventy-five years, and worth \$60,000, committed suicide in Philadelphia yesterday.

Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, was decorated as if for a festival yesterday, when eulogistic addresses of the deceased pastor were made.

The increase of the surplus in the national treasury and the decrease of the surplus in the banks are attracting attention in New York.

A strong fight has been inaugurated against Mr. Randall as chairman of the appropriation committee in the Fiftyeth Congress.

It is stated that the Illinois Central Railroad is planning to build a line of road through the great lumber region of middle and northern Wisconsin.

Senator Edmunds expresses the opinion that the President's action in signing the District of Columbia bill after noon on the fourth of March was illegal.

The funeral of Mrs. Oscar Neebe, the wife of the Chicago anarchist, took place in that city yesterday. There were 5,000 persons in the funeral procession, and 40,000 spectators lined the streets.

The London Standard has received a cipher dispatch from what it considers a trustworthy source saying that an unsuccessful attempt has been made to assassinate the Czar. No details are given.

Freeman Rowe and wife, an aged couple, while crossing the track of the New York Central Railroad, at Newark, Wayne county, N. Y., in their carriage yesterday, were struck by a locomotive and instantly killed.

It is said on good authority that Rev. Matthew C. Julien, pastor of the Trinitarian Church, in New Bedford, Mass., will receive a call from Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher.

William Stanley was shot and killed on the oyster dredging schooner Oliver M. Ruark in Magothy river, Md., last week. The captain of the vessel, Jacob Dollman, was arrested on the charge of committing the homicide, but claims it was accidental.

Friday night a band of armed men went to the house of Wm. Eaton, thirty miles south of Springfield, Mo., and fired a volley into the house. Wm. Eaton and Charles Green were killed outright. Eaton's father was seriously wounded, one woman was shot in the head and another in the hand.

A street duel occurred Saturday at Potomac, Ill., between John Goodwin, a wealthy farmer, and Charles Morehead, a young bank cashier. Goodwin had charged that his fifteen-year-old daughter was seduced by Morehead. Two chambers in each one's pistol had been emptied, when the alleged seducer fell, mortally wounded. Goodwin escaped without a scratch.

Cardinal Taschereau will take charge of his titular church, Santa Maria della Vittoria, March 19, the anniversary of his installation as bishop. Cardinal Gibbons will take charge of Santa Maria, in Trastevere, on Sunday, the 27th inst. The reception of the American Cardinals, will take place to-day and to-morrow. The secret consistory will be held to-day. A number of new cardinals will be appointed. The public consistory will take place on Thursday, when the American Cardinals will be formally admitted into the Sacred College.

Miss Carrie Peltz, a young nurse, 20 years of age, employed by Mr. Benjamin Berwanger, of Baltimore, was shot and instantly killed last Friday night by her employer's son, Henry. The tragedy occurred in the nursery. Miss Liebler and Miss Peltz were engaged in conversation when young Berwanger entered the room and without a word drew a pistol and shot the girl in the left breast. Berwanger immediately left the house and gave himself up at the Central police station. He has been confined in an insane asylum at different times, and the shooting was the result of a sudden spell of insanity.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Petersburg is arranging for a paid fire department.

The Labor Herald of Richmond was on Saturday sold to a co-operative company.

A meeting of the State democratic central and executive committees is called to meet at Richmond the 24th inst., at 12 m.

By an order of Auditor Marye the reporters are now given no information or news in that department of the State Capitol.

A bill it is reported will be presented to the Legislature soon after convening Wednesday proposing that the Commonwealth shall sue any person who offers to pay his taxes in unverified coupons. A very wild scheme.

The jury in the case of the Commonwealth against L. A. Davis, charged with killing J. R. Blackburn in Albemarle county, reported on Saturday that they had been unable to agree, and were given in charge of the sheriff until to-day.

The joint committee of the Legislature on the oyster question will present their report at the approaching session of that body and will recommend no changes in the oyster law in which Maryland will be interested. The committee will recommend that the same oyster rocks now used for dredging be continued.

The case of Dr. Charles G. Gardner, who was sent on to the Hustings Court, of Richmond, on the charge of causing the death of Mrs. W. J. Loth by administering an overdose of morphia hyperemia, was before the grand jury on Saturday, who after examining a number of witnesses, reported not a true bill. The case was accordingly dismissed.

The jury in the case of Charles D. Ward, on trial for killing his brother-in-law, Samuel Jewell, near Edinburg, in Shenandoah county, on the 27th of January, on Saturday rendered a verdict of guilty and fixed his term of imprisonment at three years in the penitentiary. Ward is sixteen years of age, and the shooting, it was claimed, grew out of abusive language used by Jewell towards Ward's mother.

A special election was held Saturday in the 28th Senatorial district, composed of the counties of Nottoway, Lunenburg and Brunswick, to elect a Senator to fill the unexpired term of Hon. W. E. Gaines. The candidates were Major P. E. Harris, democrat, and W. W. Worsham, (colored), republican. The full returns have not yet been received, but it is generally believed that Worsham has been elected, though there is a large falling off in the republican vote.

The cool winds chill the heart of the ice cart driver, and he now sits shivering on his box, a blue posed victim of despair; the striking words "Use Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup" stare him in the face.

Worth its weight in gold. Salvation Oil. 25 cents.

The Dauntless-Coronet Race.

As stated in the GAZETTE, the yacht Dauntless and Coronet started from Owl's Head, near Bay Ridge, N. Y., on Saturday on their race across the Atlantic for \$10,000 a side. The whistle of preparation was sounded at one o'clock precisely. Soon the Coronet squared away, and at 1h. 12m. 17s. she crossed the line. Her sharp prow cut the water like a knife and in her wake was a furrow of foam. She carried every available stitch of canvas except the square sail and jibtop-sail. As she crossed the line the big square sail was broken out. It was a grand sight and it pulled well. Captain Crosby was close to the quartermaster at the wheel, and the Coronet crossed the line he must have felt proud of the yacht whose construction he superintended and whose course he is to direct.

Five minutes after the Coronet passed, the Dauntless crossed the line. Captain Samuels stood near the helmsman. The yacht set her huge square sails just before crossing the line, and every stitch that was possible was spread to the breeze and doing its full duty. The race had been fairly started. Both contestants were off. The yachts went through the Swash Channel and thence out to the deep sea.

Off Fire Island the wind hauled to north soon after two o'clock. This brought the wind nearly abeam, and the square sails and topsails, which both yachts carried, had to be taken in. With the wind on the port side the Dauntless seemed to do better than she had with it nearly astern, and it required a very rapid steamer to keep up with the race.

The Coronet had spread to the breeze an enormous mainmast staysail whose pulling power was supreme. The wind blew higher and higher, but still Captain Crosby held on to his balloon sail. The Dauntless had set a sail of the same kind but of much smaller magnitude, but as the wind freshened she took it in and it was time, too, for the water was hissing and boiling in her lee cuppers and she was keeling over at an angle that was not helpful to her speed. Meanwhile the Coronet, which showed herself much the stiffer boat, held on to every thing. The water was smooth, and both yachts were behaving beautifully. Abreast of Fire Island the wind was freshening, the sky was clear and they had the prospect of a beautiful night's run. The Coronet was about two miles ahead of the Dauntless, and the racing yachts were reeling off knots at will. Tugs was incapable of keeping up with them. The Coronet's big mainmast staysail was pulling like a team, but the Dauntless was not being left astern.

A race across the ocean at this time has to be sailed through angry seas and blustering gales, and the distance is nearly three thousand miles. The boat which carries most sail through the trying periods almost inevitable will, barring accidents, surely win. The betting is 3 to 2 in favor of the Dauntless.

The race was the result of a challenge issued by Mr. Bush, owner of the Coronet. Mr. Colt, owner of the Dauntless, accepted the challenge and each yacht owner put up \$10,000, which, after deducting the expenses of the judges' boat, will go to the owner of the winning craft. The yachts will finish off Roche's Point, Cork Harbor, Ireland.

Howard Holmes and Ella Tucker were recently married near Terre Haute, Ind. They are first cousins, and in Indiana such a marriage is illegal, and the person performing the ceremony may be fined \$500. Ella's parents have taken her away from Howard, who will bring suit to get his wife back, and the Justice who married them is trying to prove that he didn't know their relationship.

A few days ago Mrs. Mary Pitts, of Darby, Ark., was bitten by a mad dog. A madstone was procured and applied to her wounds. It remained upon each some time, and was repeatedly applied. Hope is expressed that a cure has been effected. Mrs. Pitts is the fourth person bitten there recently, all of whom have been treated with a madstone.

Rev. Mr. Baxter, who preached three times in Baltimore, prophesied yesterday that the millennium was coming in 1900.

When used persistently, Salvation Oil never fails to cure rheumatism and neuralgia. Price 25 cts.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is the most popular expectorant we are selling.

HADLEY BROS., 317 Indiana Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

OFFICIAL.

AN ORDINANCE to amend an ordinance to authorize the Virginia Midland Railway Company to lay turnouts on Union street.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Alexandria, That so much of the ordinance heretofore passed on the 14th day of December, 1886 (giving authority to the Virginia Midland Railway Company to lay turnouts on Union street), as refers to the planking between the tracks be amended so as to read as follows: "That the said company shall use black stone and heavy oak planking between the tracks," &c.

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Teste:

AN ACT to increase the salary of the Superintendent of Gas.

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the City Council of Alexandria, Va., That the salary of the Superintendent of Gas shall be seven hundred and twenty dollars per annum from the 1st day of March, 1887.

Sec. 2. All acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall be in force from its passage.

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Teste:

I CAN SAFELY recommend Ely's Cream Balm for the cure of Catarrh, Cold in the Head, etc. Before I have used the first bottle I purchased I find myself cured. At times I could scarcely smell anything and had a headache most of the time. -HENRY LILLY, Agent for the American Express Co., Grand Haven, Mich. Price 50 cts.

Ely's CREAM BALM cured me of Catarrh of my nose years' standing -restored my sense of smell. For colds in the head it works like magic. -E. H. SHERWOOD, National State Bank, Elizabeth, N. J. Easy to use. See adv.

DIED.

On Sunday, March 13th, OWEN NUGENT, a native of county Meath, Ireland, in the 68th year of his age. Burial, with high mass of requiem, from St. Mary's Church, at 10 a. m. Tuesday, March 15th, to which friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited.

CHOICE FLORIDA ORANGES and FANCY MESSINA LEMONS just received by mh14 J. C. MILBURN.

STRAINED HONEY and MAPLE SYRUP for sale by mh14 J. C. MILBURN.

CHOICE NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES for sale at mh14 J. C. MILBURN.

BOXES KITCHEN CRYSTAL SOAP received to-day by mh14 J. C. MILBURN.



ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES

Terrible Accident.

BOSTON, March 14.—A heavily loaded passenger train on the Boston and Providence R. R. met with a terrible accident about 7 o'clock this morning between Roslindale and Forest Hill. Four cars are said to have gone through the bridge and many persons were killed. A wrecking train left for the scene of the accident, and advices received later state that nineteen bodies have already been taken from the ruins. It is said that 23 persons were killed and 40 injured. Among these are many women. The conductor was among the killed. The accident occurred on the Dedham branch of the Boston and Providence railroad, between Forest Hill and Roslindale, at what is known as Bussey Park bridge. The 7 o'clock train from Dedham, consisting of seven cars and a baggage car, broke through the bridge. The engine and three cars went over safely, but the five others fell through the bridge to the road beneath, a distance of 30 feet. The last car, which was the smoker, turned completely over and struck on top of the others, all being crushed almost out of shape. The cause of the accident is said to have been the breaking of the bridge. The smoking car after it fell caught on fire, but the fire department was promptly on hand and prevented any spread of the flames. The train was crowded with working people, and the most intense excitement prevails among their friends, who are anxious to learn the names of those killed and injured. There are no reliable details of the number of the dead as yet. The police say that 23 were killed outright and that nearly as many will die. The bodies of the killed were horribly mangled, some of their heads being entirely severed from their bodies, and many of the bodies are crushed beyond recognition.

The latest computation shows a total of 23 killed and 50 injured.

Double Murder.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 14.—Last night at 10 o'clock an appalling tragedy was committed near Dunmore, a few miles from this city. James Barrett lives near the Spencer mines, together with his family, consisting of his wife and seven children. At the hour named George Murrell, an Italian, visited Barrett's house, and an altercation occurred concerning a woman named Collins, who was in the house at the time. Before Murrell was ejected he cut Barrett with a knife or razor. Some other Italians who lived in the neighborhood heard the noise and proceeded to Barrett's house. Just what followed is not known, but two reports from a shot gun were heard, and when the scene was reached by officers the dead bodies of George and Jose Murrell were found near the house with their heads and necks perforated with buck-shot. A third Italian named Motz received a number of buck shot in the abdomen, and his recovery is not thought to be probable. Barrett was arrested. He admits having done the shooting, but says he acted in self defence.

Sale of the B. & O. Railroad.

BALTIMORE, March 14.—Since it has become generally known that a meeting of railroad men was held in this city yesterday the people are rapidly coming to the conclusion that the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. will be sold. People are now talking on the streets about the possibility of the road failing to pay a stock dividend because of extension and improvements, in which event large interests may be put to serious inconvenience. There is however much confidence manifested in the solidity of the road, and shares sold to-day at 170 against 165 on Saturday. There were 136 shares sold at the higher figure. It is some time since so much of the stock was on the market. Mr. Garrett was seen to-day, but would not say anything in regard to the road, nor the telegraph system. He declined to say if he had recent communication with a prominent telegraph officer from New York. A search of all the hotel registers has failed to discover the presence of such officer in Baltimore, though he may have been here.

Report Discredited.

LONDON, March 14.—The report printed by the Standard that an unsuccessful attempt to assassinate the Czar of Russia had been made is utterly discredited by M. de Staal, the Russian ambassador. In an interview this morning the ambassador said he had received no telegram in relation to such an attempt, and this was sufficient evidence to convince him that the report was unfounded. If it were true he would have received a dispatch long ago. The ambassador said he was about to attend a service in the Russian chapel in commemoration of the Czar's accession to the throne, and it was not likely that he would leave the embassy if there was the least probability of any news of that character being received. The Standard, commenting on the reported attempt on the Czar's life, says: "Such an event might be sufficient to turn the scale in the direction of war. From this point of view the outrage is of the gravest possible significance."

Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14.—A decision was rendered by the Supreme Court of the United States to-day in the case of the City of East St. Louis, plaintiff in error, against the United States, ex rel., H. Amy and Co., in error to the Circuit Court of the United States for the Southern District of Illinois. This was a petition for a writ of mandamus to compel the City Council of East St. Louis to levy a special tax upon all the taxable property of the city subject to taxation for the year 1886, in order to pay a judgment for \$36,495 obtained by Amy & Co., against the city upon its bonds and coupons. The court below awarded the writ and its judgment is affirmed by this court. Opinion by Chief Justice Waite. Only two other

opinions were read to-day. Neither of them of public importance.

Tragedy.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Mar. 14.—A terrible tragedy occurred yesterday morning about eighteen miles southwest of this point. H. L. Landshaw, his wife and four sons had camped near a spring. They were moving to Texas from Missouri. The sons were aged 18, 21, 25 and 28 years respectively. It appears one of them became insane yesterday. He had been sick all winter, but had shown no evidence of insanity. He fancied his parents and brothers meant to kill him. He became very violent, but after a short time appeared to become rational, and the party continued on their journey. Yesterday morning he assaulted his father and mother with a large stick, inflicting probably fatal wounds. The couple were asleep in the wagon and defenceless. He then attacked his brothers and wounded them badly, if not mortally. One of the threw him down and secured the stick. The lunatic, however, broke loose and running down the road a distance took refuge in a thicket. He has not yet been captured.

Marine Disasters.

LONDON, Mar. 14.—The British steamer Lampart, Captain Cross, at Glasgow from Baltimore, lost bulwarks, rails and several boats on the passage. The British ship Hudson, from Philadelphia Oct. 1